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Editor, The News:

Evidently we are not even getting the protection that Castro is getting from our government, when they say the Cuban helicopter with the two Cuban defectors was able to land on our soil because a military radar unit, which ordinarily would have tracked a defecting Cuban helicopter, was shut down for periodic repairs at the time.

That may or may not be true. Who knows, when men in our government tell us it is all right to lie if they think it necessary. Just who is to say when it is necessary? It seems to me at a time like that we should have some other means of protection. I keep asking myself, "Whose side are we on?" I think the time has come to fumigate the State Department and the CIA. There is something terribly wrong somewhere.

This, on top of information told to the Joint Atomic Energy Committee during testimony in November and just released the first part of March by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, that the United States was caught "terribly short" of planes—fighters and transports—for a massive invasion during the Cuban crisis in the fall of 1962. He went on to say the country also was short of [illegible] Air Force planes to track Soviet ships moving toward the Western hemisphere. Well, I would like to know how it is we can always spot a handful of patriotic Cubans going in the direction of Cuba but can't even spot a Communist Cuban helicopter headed for the United States?

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